

Upon joining CRS, Mr. Ahearn quickly established himself as a leading expert in U.S. trade policy. He wrote numerous reports and confidential memoranda and conducted hundreds of briefings for Members and congressional staff on a broad range of international economic issues. These issues addressed core topics on U.S. trade policy, such as U.S. trade laws to open markets for U.S. exporters, trade reorganization, the debate over free trade versus trade protectionism, and the future of U.S. trade policy. He also focused his authoritative and objective analysis on international financial issues, including the 2008 global financial crisis and the Eurozone sovereign debt crisis.

Mr. Ahearn is well known for his expertise and deep institutional knowledge of the global trading system, particularly with respect to the World Trade Organization and related multilateral "rounds" of trade negotiations over the past 4 decades. More recently, he led important innovative research on rising economic powers and their trade policy implications for the United States. As a policy issue of growing congressional interest, his insightful analysis will continue to support Congress in understanding the transformative changes underway in the global economy.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise to join with Senator BAUCUS in commending Mr. Ahearn for his service. Over the years, Mr. Ahearn's impressive portfolio of work also examined major U.S. trading partner policies. Early on in his career, for example, he was a lead CRS expert on the U.S.-Japan trade and economic relationship during heightened trade tensions between our two countries. From September 1993 to August 1994, he worked for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, USTR, to serve as Director of Trade Strategy for Japan and China. More recently, Ray became the "go to" CRS analyst on the U.S.-EU trade and economic relationship, writing reports and confidential memoranda and consulting Congress on numerous topics, including on the EU's preferential trade agreements and regulatory issues.

Mr. Ahearn has been especially adept at examining complex issues in international economics of immediate importance to Congress and making his analysis accessible to an audience that approaches the issues with varying degrees of understanding. This skill has played an especially critical role in successfully conveying to Congress the complex, multidimensional challenges associated with globalization. For example, in 2009, Mr. Ahearn wrote a CRS report titled *The Global Economic Downturn and Protectionism* that addressed the issue of the perceived and real growth of trade restrictions by the United States and its trading partners in response to the global economic crisis that emerged in 2008. In analyzing the issue, he constructed an analytical

framework of three potential categories of restrictions that might be taken and the potential consequences of each. Mr. Ahearn applied a similar analysis in his timely CRS report *Globalization, Worker Insecurity and Policy Approaches*, which examined the complex relationship between the increased integration of the U.S. economy with the rest of the world and the decline in U.S. wages and worker security, an issue faced by all Members of Congress as they consider trade agreements and other global economic issues.

We wish Mr. Ahearn the very best in his retirement and thank him for his exemplary record of service to Congress in directly supporting our work on international trade and finance policy issues.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING BOBBY PRICE

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring LT Bobby Price, who died this month in Chula Vista, CA. For many years, I had the pleasure and honor of working with this great champion of America's veterans.

In fact, just 2 months ago, despite his grave illness, Bobby traveled to Washington, DC as the representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to meet with me regarding veterans' healthcare, homelessness, and job opportunities for our returning troops. As always, I was impressed by Bobby's knowledge and understanding of issues affecting our veterans and by his passionate commitment to work on their behalf.

During more than 24 years on active duty in the U.S. Navy, Bobby was known for his diligence and determination to carry out any task. Later, he brought this same zeal and perseverance to his work as an advocate for veterans.

No matter how hard Bobby worked, he always made time for his family. As his wife, Julia, wrote, "Day after day he showed me, our children and grandchildren how much he cared for us by giving his time, compassion and generous spirit."

Bobby Price received many awards recognizing his remarkable dedication to veterans including the San Diego County Veteran of the Year award. He served as commander of all California Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and was active in other veterans organizations at the local, State, and national level. At the time of his death, he was president of the nonprofit Chula Vista Veterans Home Support Foundation and had served on the charity's board for 6 years.

On behalf of the people of California, who have benefitted so much from Bobby's life and work, I send my deepest gratitude and condolences to his wife, Julia; his sons, Paul Hoch, Russ Price, Marcus Bush, and Adam Price; his

daughter, Adriana Bush; and his five grandchildren. Bobby Price will be truly missed by all who were touched by his energy, passion for service, and devotion to his fellow veterans.●

OHIO UNIVERSITY POST CENTENNIAL

• Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I rise to commemorate the centennial of the Post, an independent, student-run newspaper at Ohio University in Athens, OH.

Finley Peter Dunne once noted that "the newspaper . . . comforts the afflicted, and afflicts the comfortable." Newspapers also connect concerned citizens with their elected officials by providing a venue for valuable discussion on issues that affect our lives and communities. It is no secret that a free press is critical to strengthening and preserving our democracy.

For 100 years, students at Ohio University have celebrated their first amendment rights by creating a newspaper that informs residents, students, and business leaders in Athens County about vital news on campus, around Ohio, and throughout the world.

When students are encouraged to present structured, well-written views in writing, they are given the opportunity to develop life-long skills that will serve them as citizens—and leaders—of our enduring American institutions.

Ohio University has produced many first-class journalists, including thirteen Pulitzer Prize winners and reporters and columnists whose bylines and photographs appear in our Nation's leading newspapers. I regularly witness the fine reporting of several Post alumni, including Columbus Dispatch senior editor Joe Hallett and Washington correspondent Jessica Wehrman, among others.

As the tools and resources of journalism evolve, the Post continues to respond to a changing world. Whether students read the news on a handheld device or hold newsprint in their hands, Ohio University students can expect to hear from an independent voice on campus and in Athens.

Throughout the next century, the Post will undoubtedly continue to play a critical role in training student-journalists to shape and inform Ohio University. As we mark this milestone, it is my privilege to salute the students who work to keep this publication alive while fully participating in our first amendment freedoms. As the proud husband of a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, Connie Schultz, I have immense respect for journalists and the role they play in the public sphere. Improving our democracy starts with papers like the Post, that are willing to cultivate America's next generation of journalists.●